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This bill prohibits the State Board of Education from adopting and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from implementing the academic content standards for English language arts and mathematics developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative or any similar initiative process or program.

The bill prohibits any Missouri state official, whether appointed or elected, from joining on behalf of the state or a state agency any consortium, association, or other entity when the membership would require the state or a school district board to cede any measure of control over education, including academic content standards and standard assessments.

The bill prohibits the state board from using the Smarter Balanced Assessment or from affiliating with or paying dues to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. The state board must not use any other assessments related to or based on the common core state standards or any other standards not in the public domain. Any actions taken to adopt or implement the common core state standards initiative as of the effective date of these provisions will be void.

State funds cannot be withheld from a school district or school for failure to adopt or use the state academic content standards or the state assessments.

If the United States Department of Education requires as a condition of a federal education grant that the grant recipient provide personally identifiable information of students or teachers, the grant recipient must provide aggregate data only. The grant recipient must not release personally identifiable information without informed written consent of the student's parent or guardian.